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August 5, 2009

Ms. Stephanie Vaughn United States Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 19th Floor New York, New York 1007

Re:

Oversight Quality Assurance Project Plan and Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan

Lower Passaic River Restoration Project

Contract No. W912DQ-08-D-0017, Delivery Order No. 0010

Dear Ms. Vaughn,

Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. is pleased to submit the Oversight Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Biological Sampling, Community Surveys, and Toxicity and Bioaccumulation Testing and approved Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project.

The Oversight QAPP incorporates comments received from William Sy of the United Stated Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on July 30, 2009 plus a final quality assurance review by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. During our review, we conducted a back-check of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) revised draft QAPP document for fish tissue sampling (dated July 24, 2009). Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. discussed the revised CPG laboratory methods for pesticide and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) analyses with Mr. Sy on August 3, 2009. No modifications to the Oversight QAPP were necessary for these analyses. Upon receipt of the final CPG benthic QAPP document, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. will review the Oversight QAPP again and discuss with USEPA if any further modifications to the Oversight QAPP are necessary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 914-641-2972.

Very truly yours,

MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.

Len Warner

Project Manager

Attachments: Oversight Quality Assurance Project Plan (posted on project directory)

Approved Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (posted on project directory)

cc:

K. Goldstein and A. Accardi-Dey (Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.)

E. Buckrucker (USACE) and W. Sy (USEPA)